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**REQUEST**

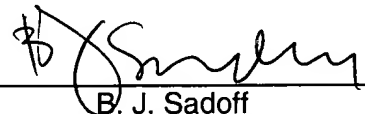
The Examiner is again requested to confirm in a further communication that the drawings filed May 8, 2001, are acceptable or advise the undersigned of any specific objection or rejection of the same. A similar request was filed on January 25, 2005 and July 6, 2005.

The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of December 19, 2005. The present paper is being filed as the Office Action of December 19, 2005 and previously-issued Office Actions do not indicate the status of the previously-filed drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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